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9	Strl. Fabrication	. . . .	T	4,25,300	1,12,645	26·5
10	Strl. Erection.	. . .	T	4,25,300	34,039	8·0
11	Eqpt. Ordering	. . . .	T	3,66,357	2,29,691	62·7
12	Refr. Ordering	. . . .	T	1,79,994	1,07,495	59·7
13	Eqpt. Erection	. . . .	T	3,66,357	3,370	0·9
14	Refr. Erection	. . . .	T	1,79,994	12,240	6·8
15	Expenditure	. . . . .	Rs./Crores	3,897·28*	1,091·32	28·0

* The estimated cost of the project, based on *4th qaurter* 1981 *prices* as app roved by Government in 1981.

(b) As per Government guidelines, recruitment to non-executive grades in Visakhapatnam Steel Project is made through the local employment exchange. However, in accordance with Government policy, statistics in regard to the employees in Central Government enterprises on the basis of regional origin of such employees are not maintained.

Priorities suggested for Imports in Draft Plan

1128. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the details of the priorities which have been suggested for imports in the draft of Seventh Five Year Plan to contain balance of payment pressures?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): The Paper on Approach to the Seventh Five Year Plan has been laid on the Table of the House. This has outlined the import priorities in general terms. The draft Seventh Plan is still to be prepared.

Shri L. K. Jha's visit to Developed Countries

1129. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri L. K. Jha, was recently sent as a Special Emissary of the Prime Minister to a number of developed countries in view of the heavy indebtedness of developing countries; and

(b) if so, what was the purpose of this mission and what was the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Prior to the London Summit of the leading industrialised countries Shri L. K. Jha visited London, Washington, Ottawa, Paris, Bonn and Rome as a personal emissary of the Prime Minister. He carried with him letters from the Prime Minister addressed to the Heads of Government concerned drawing attention to the grave economic crisis being faced by developing countries, the present impasse in the North-South dialogue, and, stressing the need for an impetus to such a dialogue.

(b) The purpose of Shri L. K. Jha's mission was to explain our approach to North-South issues to the leaders of the major industrialised countries and to explore the possibility of beginning some dialogue on these issues. The suggestions made by us in this regard received considerable attention at the London Summit and a personal emissary of the British Prime Minister visited Delhi after the Summit to convey the response.

The London Economic Declaration issued by the Summit notes the concerns of the developing countries and the difficulties faced by them and recognises the reality of inter-dependence. However, it reaffirms the primary role of the existing Bretton Woods institutions for continuing discussions on issues relating to money, finance and development and does not offer much hope of a new impetus to the present stalemate in the North-South dialogue. On the whole the Declaration is not very forthcoming on issues of concern to developing countries.

Power projects

1130. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States are facing acute shortage of power;

(b) whether it is a fact that delay in the sanctioning of power projects is responsible for shortage of power in the country;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in sanctioning the power projects;

(d) what steps are being taken to remove acute shortage of power; and

(e) the number of proposals for setting up of power stations which are pending for clearance, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir. Of the 22 States, only 10 States had power shortages of varying degTree during the first quarter of the current year. The Statewise position is in the enclosed Statement—I.

(b) No, Sir. All the generation schemes included for benefits in the Sixth Plan were sanctioned and or were in different stages of construction prior to the commencement of the Sixth Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A number of measures have been taken to improve availability of power such as:

(i) high priority in allocation of resources for commissioning of additional installed capacity envisaged in the Plan. Monitoring has been intensified both at Central and State level;

(ii) specific plan allocation of resources for implementation renovation and modernisation programme in identified sick units in order to increase their productivity/plant load factor;

(iii) a more effective monitoring/ implementation of transmission and distribution programmes in order to ensure power evacuation from power stations and inter and intra-regional transfer of power;

(iv) increased emphasis on development of hydel resources, energy conservation, reduction in line losses and greater attention to the training of personnel in construction and operational areas.

(e) Information on the number of proposals for setting up of power stations pending clearance in the Commission is in the enclosed Statement II.